



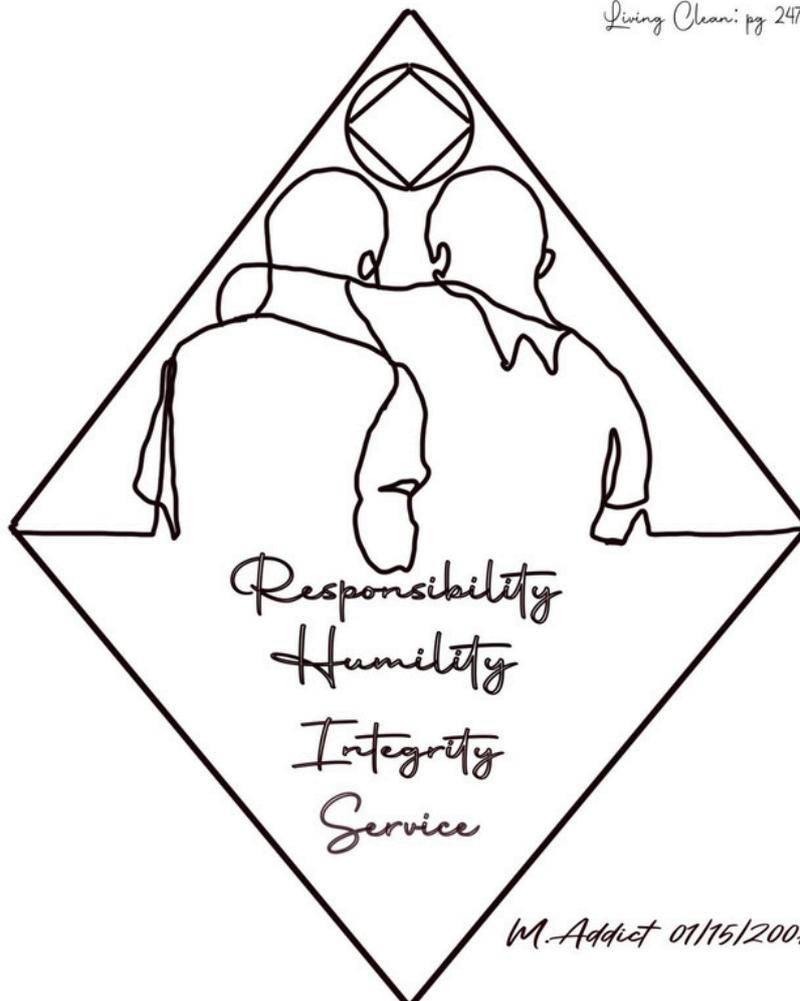
## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES NEWSLETTER

### Welcome

How do we attract the addict who still suffers to the fellowship of NA? We offer our experience, strength, and hope. Our message is powerful; "That an addict, any addict, can stop using drugs, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live." Our Newsletter's purpose is to spread this message. Our local service committees share that same purpose. We invite you to read through these pages, get inspired, and get involved.

*..There is responsibility in recovery, and it begins  
 with taking responsibility for our recovery"*

*Living Clean: pg 247*



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### **Step of the Month: Step 8 Experience**

“We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all .”

Step 8 was a truly mind opening step for me, and it brought a new level of honesty into my recovery. Step 8 is a critical step and as the basic text says “We work this step without thinking about the 9th step.” The 8th step is not a step where I get to let my ego take the reins and pick and choose who I’d like to make amends to. This is a step where I found a new level with the relationship I have with my sponsor. Each and every person on my list of amends was carefully combed through and talked about before they went onto my permanent amends list to carry over to my ninth step.

The Principle behind the 8th step is brotherly love. What that means to me is that I make amends to the people in my life whether I want to or not, just like I would do with my brother outside the rooms of NA. Seeing the 8th step in that light allowed me to find more willingness to make amends to those I had harmed, even when I believed I wasn't entirely at fault. This step requires such deep thought that I was fully prepared to take action in my ninth step.

When I was working this step, I made a list of all persons I had harmed physically, emotionally, and financially, and became willing to make amends to them all. Willingness was a huge part of this step for me as well. I truly did not believe that I owed some people in my life any amends at all, but for me to truly live this program and work the steps how they are meant to be worked I had to put my ego to the side and becoming truly willing. Working my 8th step was one of the first times that I needed to use every single other spiritual principle from my previous steps to truly work this step to the best of my ability. This step made me uncomfortable, but through that I found growth and a new level of enthusiasm for my recovery, and for that I'm truly grateful.

**By A. Addict 06/21/2024**

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### **Tradition of the Month: Tradition 8**

“Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”

I know that I got clean thanks to NA remaining non professional. I mean if I would have come to a meeting and someone was trying to treat me, I would have probably left. The fact it was just an addict in recovery seeking nothing in return, except to want to help me get clean and find what they found, made all the difference in the world.

One addict helping another is without parallel. I just know that only an addict who has been touched by God could have got me clean and seeing so many people who also have stayed clean and asked for nothing in return but for only me to give back what was freely given saved my life.

As for special workers, I don't know much except that there is a world office in California and they make books there and I guess they get paid and have to run it as a business, but from what I understand, its just to make the materials NA distributes. I did meet the CEO at a convention this year and he spoke and I found it very interesting that he did mention that in other countries they celebrate when an addict finished their 12 steps and not clean time.

How can we measure a persons recovery? Is it clean time? Is it when they finish working the 12 steps. Unfortunately, we can never look into anyone's soul but if we pay attention closely we might see more than the eye can see. Anyhow, hopefully I can get a job at the world service office one day and become CEO myself I hear they make a good salary. Haha

As an NA member I trust these special workers and whoever runs it has a program and does the right thing. Maybe one day I can look into it more. I'm grateful NA is non professional and even though we do have professionals as NA members when they come to a meeting they are just addicts seeking Recovery as I do. I am grateful for that especially since I am a very picky person that if I smell any motive other than just plain love I run. Thanks for letting me share my experience with Tradition 8. I still have much to learn.

**By J. Addict 02/15/2021**

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### **Concept of the Month: Concept 8**

“Our service structure depends on the integrity and effectiveness of our communications.”

“Our fellowship’s service structure is founded on the unity of our groups; to maintain that union, we must have regular communications throughout Narcotics Anonymous. Together, our groups have created a service structure to meet their common needs and to help them fulfill their common purpose. The effectiveness of the service structure depends on the continued unity of the NA groups, and on their continued support and direction. These things can only be maintained in an atmosphere of honest, open, and straightforward communication among all parties concerned.

Regular communication plays a large part in the fulfillment of our groups’ final responsibility and authority for NA services. Through their GSRs, the groups regularly report their strengths, needs, ideas, and conscience to the service structure. Taken together, these group reports give our service boards and committees clear guidance in their efforts to serve NA as a whole. When the groups are regularly given full and accurate information from all elements of the service structure, they become familiar with the structure’s normal patterns of activity. The groups are then able to recognize when something goes wrong with one of our service boards and committees, and are in a better position to know how to help correct the problem. And, knowing what kinds of resources are needed to fulfill service tasks, our groups are also more likely to provide the service structure with adequate support.” **From: Twelve Concepts for NA Service**

The material for this Newsletter is created and edited by NA members for every NA member. The Twelve Traditions of NA were used to edit this newsletter. If you find improper misrepresentation of our traditions please contact the editor at [newsletter@namiami.org](mailto:newsletter@namiami.org)



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### Gratitude List

#### from Members of the SouthDade Area:

- The message at the meeting last night was phenomenal. Super clear and recovery based.
- Glad I went because I almost didn't.
- Being able to be self supporting financially, spiritually, mentally, and physically.
- For having faith not only in the program but in my own ability and intentions to practice this in the way I live.  
M. Addict 01/15/2007
- Finished my 6<sup>th</sup> step
- Got accepted to Grad school
- I have an amazing support group  
S. Addict 04/20/2022
- To have spent some time celebrating my brother's bday today with the fam
- For some good ol' bbq'd steak
- For silly party games on the switch
- For my grandmother
- For my brother turned 21 and we didn't have any alcohol at the party to tempt me  
M. Addict 04/29/2025
- Being clean
- My job, where I get to help other addicts
- My home, a safe space for me and my partner
- My Higher Power, who guides me in my recovery  
S. Addict 01/31/2024
- Technology that allows me to talk and see my family from the distance
- Being a responsible employee and very good at what I do
- For all the love I got from my family when I lived with them and the love I still get even in the distance  
J. Addict 03/20/2016

**“My gratitude speaks when I care and when I share with others the NA Way.” Jimmy K.**



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# Be a part of an upcoming issue of the Newsletter!

## Submit a short gratitude list along with your first initial and clean date to:

[newsletter@namiami.org](mailto:newsletter@namiami.org)



**\*no clean time requirement**



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## Upcoming Events



**Rapids Water Park**

Friends. Family. Fellowship

**United We Slide 2**

August 23, 2025

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Buffet Style Lunch Included  
12PM - 1PM

- Burgers
- Hot Dogs
- Sides TBD
- Unlimited Soft Drinks & during Lunch

Outside food & drinks prohibited

**\$60** Per Person

Age 2 & under free

No Entry without Ticket

Sales end August 10th

**FREE PARKING**

NA is not affiliated with Rapids Water Park

South Dade Palm Coast Treasure Coast Mid-Coast Gold Coast South Atlantic

More Information  
Tony V. 954-299-6853 Traci W (239) 821-6847

Rapids Water Park  
6566 North Military Trail  
Riviera Beach, FL 33407



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**New Meetings**



New Meeting

**You Are Not Alone:  
Medication & Illness in  
Recovery**

Tuesdays  
7:30 - 8:30 PM  
Unity Room  
6600 sw 62 Ave,  
Miami FL



Location not affiliated with NA



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## Local Announcements

**UNIDAS  
IN  
RECOVERY**

Women Bilingual Meeting  
Wednesdays at 7pm  
6600 SW 62 Ave  
Miami, FL 33143

The graphic features a teal circular background with white text. The background image shows a variety of fresh vegetables like tomatoes, onions, and peppers.

### Serenity 4 Women

Every third Monday of the month we are having a potluck after our 8 p.m. meeting. Please join us as we fellowship and unite as woman in the program together and have yummy food!

Location: 7190 Sunset Dr  
Time: 9:00 p.m.

\*\*LOCATION NOT AFFILIATED W NA

The graphic has a light green background with purple accents. It includes an illustration of hands serving food on a table with various dishes and drinks.



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**Local Announcements**

**FREE CUBAN COFFEE**

DO YOU WANT TO RECOVER ?

**THE TIES THAT BIND US**

**WE MEET EVERY TUESDAY @ 8PM**

WHERE : UNITY ROOM  
6600 SW 62nd Ave

**JUST SHOW UP  
WE'LL SAVE YOU A SEAT**

LITERATURE STUDY  
KEEP COMING BACK

OPTIONAL:  
**BRING THE BASIC TEXT**




**NEW FORMAT!!**

**WEEK 1: SPEAKER**

**WEEK 2: "THE BASICS OF THE PROGRAM"**

**WEEK 3: SPEAKER**

**WEEK 4: SPEAKER'S IP CHOICE**

**MAKE GABLES**

**GREAT AGAIN**

**THURSDAYS,  
8:30 -9:30 PM**

**SOUTH MIAMI  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**7190 SUNSET DRIVE  
MIAMI, FL 33143**



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**Get Involved**

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH DAY  
SEPTEMBER 13 AT 9AM  
MEET AT 7190 SUNSET DR**  
\*SMLC is not affiliated with NA

**HELP SPREAD  
OUR MESSAGE  
OUT IN THE  
COMMUNITY**



- PASS OUT MEETING LISTS
- MEET PEOPLE WHO MAY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

- CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE AND FELLOWSHIP



**PUBLIC RELATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF SOUTHDADE NA**



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**Get Involved :  
Local Service Committee Meetings**

The poster has a blue background with a white dotted pattern at the top. It features the NA logo at the top center. Two megaphone icons are positioned on either side of the main heading. The text is centered and uses various font weights and sizes. At the bottom, there are illustrations of hands and hearts.

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**SOUTH DADE AREA  
HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Seeking volunteers in recovery to share their experience,  
strength, and hope with those seeking a new way of life.

**WE MEET THE  
THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
IN THE LIBRARY AT 7:30 PM**

South Miami Lutheran Church  
7190 SW 72nd Street  
Miami, FL 33143

For more information, contact:  
Greg G. 703-679-0003  
Tony L. 786-879-3347

\*NA is not affiliated with this location



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### **Get Involved :**

## **Local Service Committee Meetings**

### **Public Relations Subcommittee**

meets @ 6:45pm

The last Sunday of every Month  
in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church  
7190 Sunset Dr

### **Activities Subcommittee**

meets @ 7:15pm

Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month  
in the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church  
7190 Sunset Dr

### **Area Service Committee**

meets @ 10am

Every Second Sunday of the Month  
at the Unity Room 6600 SW 62 ave

To be included in upcoming issues of this Newsletter: Please send  
any subcommittee meeting dates, times, and locations to  
[newsletter@namiami.org](mailto:newsletter@namiami.org)



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**How to Get Involved :  
Local Service Committees Meetings**

**Help us carry the message!**

**Newsletter Committee Meets the  
Last Sunday of the Month @ 6:45pm**

In the Library at South Miami Lutheran Church  
7190 Sunset Dr, Miami, FL 33143

\*South Miami Lutheran Church not affiliated with NA



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# **Happy Anniversary:**

Jose G. - 08/01/2018

Earlene C. - 08/04/1989

Corey - 08/05/2005

Alex M. - 08/05/1995

Ulysses - 08/05/2006

Yazeed - 08/06/2023

Vicki B. - 08/07/1981

Nick R. - 08/8/2010

Gianluk A. - 08/09/2019

Breanna G. 08/11/1996

Francis M. - 8/24/2003

Theresa - 08/25/1991

Alex H. - 08/27/1997



**Celebrate with us!**

**Send your First Name, Last initial and Cleandate to:**

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